GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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STUDY ON DESERTIFICATION MONITORING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken on desertification, monitoring and assessment in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the area under the study;

(c) the criteria adopted to identify the areas for study;

(d) the results of the study conducted in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) whether there is any proposal to extend the study to Anantapur district of the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Department of Space has taken up a pilot project on desertification monitoring and assessment in the country. The objective of the project is to evolve and standardize the methodology for desertification status mapping using satellite data for both cold and hot desert of the country.

(c) The study areas for the pilot projects are chosen to cover representative sites for all kind of desertification process pertaining to and semi arid and dry sub humid zones in both hot & cold regions of the country.

(d) Parts of Mehboob Nagar district is on of the study area in the project. The study will be completed in 2004

(e) No decision has been taken in this regard.

(f) Do not arise.